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### KAL plane spying, says report

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LONDON — The South Korean airliner shot down by Soviet fighters last September was on an intelligence mission to test Soviet radar reactions, according to a defense magazine quoted by the weekly Sunday Observer newspaper.

The Boeing 747 was steered deliberately into Soviet airspace so that Western intelligence could monitor the resulting Soviet radar and electronic signals, said the British magazine, Defense Attache. Britain's Economist magazine, which reported the Defense Attache story Friday, called it "the strongest case yet that Korean Air Lines flight 007 was involved in an intelligence-collection mission."

"The points raised [by Defense Attache] were all addressed at the time. We denied then any kind of intelligence gathering involvement in the incident," State Department spokeswoman Anita Stockman said yesterday.